# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:22
ANSWERED ON:18.02.2003
FUNDS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to double the funds for research and development by the end of the Tenth Plan period;

(b) if so, the details and facts thereof;

(c) whether the funds allocated during Ninth Plan period have been fully utilized as per schedule;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps proposed to ensure that R&D funds are actually spent only on the research and development?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

a) to e) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS a) to e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 22 FOR 18.02 REGARDING `FUNDS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT`.

a)&b) Yes Sir. `Science and Technology Policy 2003` envisages to double the level of investment on Science and Technology by the end of 10th Plan with enhanced participation in R&D investment by industry. The 10th Plan S&T outlay for scientific agencies has increased from Rs. 12022.17 Crores in 9th Plan to Rs. 25243.00 Crores.

c)&d) A number of projects have been supported by various Central Ministries/Departments through sponsored research schemes such as State Councils for Science & Technology, National Council for Science & Technology Communication, Science & Technology Entrepreneurship Development Board, Science & Society Programmes, Special Component Plan for Development of Scheduled Castes and Tribal sub-plan, R&D in Biotechnology, Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Space, Ocean Development and Atomic Energy utilising the allocation for R&D. According to available official statistics, the number of R&D projects funded during the years 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99 & 1999-2000 in various states is 1795, 1780, 2050 and 1793 with an approved cost of Rs. 186.48 crores, 218.56 crores, 349.84 and 424.92 crores respectively in institutions and universities located in various states.

e) The schemes/programmes are periodically monitored and reviewed by the concerned ministries/departments on project to project basis. In addition Planning Commission also reviews the programme/schemes at macro-level to ensure effective utilisation of the funds for R&D.